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Your File 68-0-790-205

Dear Inspector Scherlowski:

I referred the last letter which I received concerning disposition of the exhibits in your possession connected to the case of State of Tennessee v. James Earl Ray to the Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee. I did so because the present District Attorney General was, for a brief time, associated with the defense of the case. It thus appears appropriate for decisions concerning the evidence to be made by the Office of the Attorney General and not by this office. As a result of our exchange of letters last year, I understood that the matter had been resolved between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Office of the Attorney General.

After I received your letter of June 17, 1986, I telephoned Ann Lacey Johns, Assistant Attorney General, and discussed the matter with her. I understand that she will correspond with you and that she believes the evidence in question should not be disposed of.

I take the liberty of sending to her a copy of this letter, together with your letter to me of June 17.

Sincerely,

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